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MANY SEE HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Work of Pupils Pleases Parents and Many Others Who View It.

MANUAL TRAINING PRACTICAL

Articles Made by Young People Are Both Beautiful and of a Serviceable Character.

Several added attractions, greater preparation and far larger crowds combined to make this year's exhibition in Alma's public schools the most successful undertaking initiated in this city in a good many years. Friday afternoon and evening the doors of the three school buildings were thrown open to the public and the representative, as well as the best work, done by Alma students during the past year, enjoyed the exacting scrutiny of fathers, mothers, friends, relatives—others particularly.

The committee on arrangements with Prof. Maxwell at the head had initiated a few changes in the plans for this year which were instrumental in making it such a huge success. The exhibits were all made in the rooms in which the work was done e.g. the spelling, writing and art work of the first grade pupils was on exhibition in the first grade room etc. In this way those most interested in the pupil's work could go directly to the room where it would be open to inspection. Of course, the gymnasium of the High School building held that part of the exhibition which interested the larger number of people, that is the work of the manual training, sewing, science, English and similar departments were arranged. However, to a large number the work exhibited in the other two buildings was of equal or greater interest.

The major portion of the afternoon was given over for exhibition purposes. The work of the manual training department under the direction of Prof. Maxwell, attracted the larger crowds and provoked the most praise. Just a few of the many fine things done by boys of this department, davenport made by Roy Perry, a rocking chair by Glen Campbell, several library tables, one made by Floyd Helman was especially good, lamps by Charles Dutt, a table by Merlin Richards and others. Some of the articles which were unusually well made were, buffets, porch swings, writing desks, book cases, umbrella racks, and chairs. The point is often made by those who would criticize manual training work by saying that it is of such an impractical nature to be unnecessary in the school curriculum. That this argument is false is shown by the character and variety of things made by members of the Alma manual training department. It is practical nearly to a fault. Mr. Maxwell is to be congratulated not only on the splendid success of the whole exhibit of which he was the guiding spirit but also upon the success of the manual training department of which he is head.

The quality of the work done by the art and domestic science department also showed off to a good advantage. Though she has been at the head of the art department only a semester, Miss Jones has accomplished wonderful results as is seen by the students' drawings and paintings. This testified to the superior training given them by Miss Jones. Some life work drawings, flowers etc. provoked most favorable comment. Two sketches coming in for the largest share of praise.

Unusually fine samples of the sewing done by classes for this purpose under the direction of Miss Rogers, were on exhibition and attracted a lot of attention from the crowd. The other branch of the domestic science department, the classes in cooking had a fine opportunity of showing their skill along culinary lines for a light luncheon was served all afternoon to over a thousand who thronged the building. Drop cakes, coffee, and doughnuts, comprised the luncheon.

In the gymnasium could also be seen products of class room and study room activities. There were note books for physics, chemistry, English and history as well as samples of penmanship, typewriting, bookkeeping and mechanical drawing. All of this work was especially good and reflected credit upon the instructor or Prof. Crisp, who is giving the students of the commercial department, a fine course in these branches of business training.

The splendid spirit of cooperation which prevailed among the teachers had a great deal to do with the unqualified success which this year's exhibit gained for itself. That the various grades and departments of Alma's public schools are doing better work

NO CITY DELIVERY, MONDAY, MAY 31st.

Monday, May 31st, 1915 is designated as a legal holiday, Memorial Day falling on Sunday and Monday will be recognized at the postoffice in a very creditable manner, in a way that every patron of the office will profit. Two of the City Letter Carriers, Arthur Lippert and Eural L. Race, numbers 1 and 3 respectively, will attend the State convention of Letter Carriers at Jackson making the trip with Race's Ford roadster, returning in time to serve their routes, Tuesday.

Howard C. Lake, Mailing Clerk, will attend the State Convention of Post-office clerks at Grand Rapids as a delegate and will be accompanied by at least one more of the office force.

These conventions are held yearly, and much good is derived from this source. Important points in the postal service are discussed and submitted to the National Convention and in due time are worked out in unison with the Department at Washington D.C.

At these conventions some of the officials from Washington are present submitting suggestions and answering questions that have aided in making the postal service what it is today. The local forces are in hopes that the above plans will work out very successfully as every effort possible is being put forth to give efficient service and it is felt that the benefit received from these state conventions will be one more step toward effecting that which we all enjoy.

There will be no City Delivery, Monday, May 31st, but the office will be open for the delivery of mail from 10 to 11 a.m. and you are requested to call. Rural Carriers will not serve their routes, mail will be despatched as usual.

MOTHER OF ALMA MERCHANT IS DEAD

Mrs. A. Robinson Succumbs Saturday Afternoon After Illness of Long Duration.

Following a lingering illness lasting over a period of several years, Mrs. Addie J. Robinson, mother of D. W. Robinson of this city, died at her home on East Center Street, Saturday morning at ten thirty o'clock as a result of a complication of diseases, chief of which were heart and bronchial troubles. Her son and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Norman Bislone, were at the bedside when her spirit passed away into the great beyond.

The funeral was held at the home on East Center Street, Monday afternoon at two thirty o'clock. Rev. T. G. R. Browning officiated and the college quartette, composed of Ralph Chisholm, Oscar Anderson, Clarence Goodrich and Paul Austin, sang three very beautiful songs. Immense quantities of most beautiful flowers were massed about the casket. In honor of Mrs. Robinson and out of respect for their fellow merchant, all of the business men of the city closed their stores between two and three o'clock while the funeral was being held. Nearly thirty members of the Bible class of the Methodist church of which Mrs. Robinson was a member, marched in a body to the home. One of the most touching scenes of the sad service was the testimonial given by the teacher, Judge L. C. White, in behalf of the class in honor of the memory of the beautiful spirit of the mother who had lived such a long and useful life and who had been such an inspiration to many people.

Miss Addie J. Carr was born in Jackson County, February 28th, 1844. At the age of nineteen she was married and moved to Albion where she educated her children. She remained there while they finished the high school and took work in Albion College. Four children were born, three daughters and one son, two having passed away before their mother.

Twelve years ago she moved to Grand Rapids to live with her married daughter; but about four years ago she came to live with her son who had established a big business in Alma. Two months ago her only living daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bislone of Chicago, came to live with her for it was seen that the end was not far off. Since coming to Alma she has enjoyed a happy home life so that her suffering was more easily borne. Mr. and Mrs. Bislone will continue to live with Mr. Robinson, the former assisting Mr. Robinson in the store.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors who were so kind during the sickness and death of our wife and mother, for the beautiful floral offerings and also the minister and singers.

C. W. Granger
Wilda Granger
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ray.

HOSPITAL CORNER STONE IS LAID

Important Event at Michigan Masonic Home is Fittingly Observed.

CEREMONY VERY IMPRESSIVE

Grand Lodge Officers in Charge and Parade and Band Music Are Among the Features.

Friday afternoon the Grand Lodge of Michigan laid the cornerstone of the new Michigan Masonic hospital which is being built just north of the Masonic Home, with the most elaborate services which have been held by a fraternal order in this city since the Michigan Masonic Home was dedicated. The services were conducted entirely by the state officers of the lodge though seventy-five of the members of the local order were present and escorted the state officers to the partly finished hospital.

The parade headed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master William M. Perrett, followed by the state officers, the local officers and other members and the Alma city band, left the F. and A.M. lodge rooms at two thirty o'clock proceeding west up Superior Street to State Street where the procession turned up State street to the Home.

After reaching the hospital the state officials were admitted to the platform by the Alma officials and the beautiful ceremony of the laying of the corner stone was performed with several hundred present to watch it.

The meeting of the state officials, which was opened earlier in the afternoon, was closed immediately following the ceremony in the Home. The local lodge members marched back to their lodge rooms where their meeting was also closed.

The following state officers were present: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Most Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Most Worshipful Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Grand Marshal, Most Worshipful Grand Chaplain, and others. Worshipful Grand Master Jesse E. Fuller of the local order, led the Alma Masons in the parade.

The work of conducting the hospital will be carried on during the summer and will be finished undoubtedly by the first of September. The work is being done slowly and very carefully and when completed the Masons of Michigan will have in their new hospital, one of the best built buildings in the state and one that will be a fine architectural addition to the city.

JAMES L. KRESS AND MILDRED PHILLIPS MARRIED

Ceremony Performed Saturday Afternoon by Rev. Jackson. Couple Well Known.

James Lee Kress of Alma and Miss Mildred A. Phillips of Adrian, were quietly married at the Episcopal Rectory by Rev. Frank J. Jackson, Saturday afternoon at three thirty o'clock in the presence of several of the immediate members of both families. The marriage was the culmination of a courtship of several months' duration.

Mr. Kress has lived in Alma for over ten years, attending the High School for several years and accepting a position at the post office following his withdrawal from school. For two years he worked in Detroit, returning to Alma about a year ago. Miss Phillips came to this city from Adrian, early in March and since her arrival has worked in the Mrs. Woodland millinery store as a trimmer.

Last summer Mr. Kress was a candidate for the Republican nomination as County Clerk and came within a few votes of landing the prize, making a strong campaign fight. Mr. Kress is at present employed at the Crandell & Scott's furniture store.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kress have many friends who join in extending them congratulations.

At a special meeting of the City Council last Tuesday evening, the Rockingham & Palfrey Addition suit was brought up and was recommended arrangements for its completion will be made at once.

Alec. Johnson, station agent at the P.M. Station in Saginaw E.S., was in the city Sunday visiting his brother, Edward.

I.O.O.F. DRILL TEAM WINS

The drill team of the Odd Fellow Canton Pine River No. 47, went to Detroit last Thursday and won the first prize of \$100.00 at the big state Cantonment held in that city the last part of the week, in competition with six other teams from all over the state. Teams from Windsor, Flint, Lansing, Owosso, Muskegon, were among those that were forced to bow in defeat before the Alma men. This is the seventh first prize which Pine River Canton No. 47 team has won in the big state tournaments. The team has also won one second prize since they first entered the competitive drills.

In addition to the two hundred dollars which they won they have been promised an additional fifty dollars because of the long distance between Alma and Detroit. The drill was held on the side street running past the Statler Hotel.

The following men compose the Alma team: Herb Becker, Emerson Atkinson, Abe Millman, Robert Ross, Jess Fink, Jess Wheeler, Ivan Fisher, Earl Newcomer, Mel Medler, Dan Smith, Charles Perigo, Henry Moran, George Soper, Clarence Clark, and Leon Stinchcomb.

TO HONOR THE SOLDIERS WITH A FINE PROGRAM

Memorial Day to be Fittingly Observed in Alma. Dr. Blaisdell to be Speaker.

The Memorial Day program will be given on Monday afternoon, May 31st at two o'clock in the Wright Opera House with the members of the G.A.R. officiating. A program of excellent quality has been prepared by the committee in charge and the big audience which is expected to crowd the opera house, will not suffer disappointment.

At 10:00 a. m. the graves of the old soldiers will be decorated by the Boy Scouts.

Dr. T. C. Blaisdell will deliver the address of the day on the subject of "The Newer Patriotism".

The line of march will be formed by the march of the day, J. D. Helman, and will march to the cemetery where ritualistic exercises will be observed by the Wm. Moyer post. School children will scatter flowers on the graves of the dead heroes.

The following is the program for Monday afternoon, in detail. Vocal solo.....Prof. Reese F. Veatch Invocation.....Rev. William H. Mason Reading of Orders.....E. B. Griffith, Adjutant Violin solo.....Cyril B. Davis Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.....6th and 7th grades. Music.....Union School Address, "The Newer Patriotism" Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell

Memorial Day exercises will be held in the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, May 30th at three o'clock. Rev. Brownlow will preach the Memorial Day sermon.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

SONG RECITAL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. G. R. Buck of Lapeer will give a song recital to the members of the Presbyterian Young Men's Bible class at the home of Hira C. Moore on State Street, Wednesday evening, June 2nd. There are over sixty active members of this class and a delightful evening of music and other entertainment is in store for the young men.

Mr. Moore has taught the class since he first came to Alma and it has increased in membership from about ten to sixty, since then. Once every month an authority on business, professional or scientific methods, addresses the class.

SEVILLE and SUMNER FARMERS' CLUB

The Seville and Sumner Farmers' Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gargett, Thursday, June 3rd. The following program will be given.

Song.....Club Invocation Address of Welcome.....Mr. Gargett Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting Roll Call.....Current Events Reading.....Mrs. Walter Ferris Song.....Club Address, "Wealth From the Soil".....Mrs. Francis King Piano Solo.....Miss Laura Ambury Recitation.....Elnora Putman Question Box.....Club

At the special meeting of the council last Tuesday, Ordinance No. 86 was passed, it is an ordinance regulating automobiles and other vehicles in the city of Alma, it is a good one and should be enforced by every citizen.

The plans for the new Republic Truck Co. are about completed, the land has been surveyed and work progressing finely. A plan for raising necessary money has been decided on which appears to be very satisfactory. Alma people are surely interested in this proposition and every man is ready to put his shoulder to the wheel and boost.

MAY FESTIVAL OPENS THIS EVENING WITH FINE PROGRAM

The third annual May Festival is in full swing now with prospects for attaining the greatest success that it has secured since it was started in 1913. This evening the production of the Bohemian Girl is being made in the Wright Opera House. Tomorrow afternoon at three thirty o'clock the second concert will be given in the same place with Miss Beatrice Jackson of Detroit and Prof. Knapp of Mt. Pleasant, as headliners. There will be a chorus of school children directed by Miss Mae Jones head of the music department of the public schools to sing the choral parts.

Miss Jackson who will sing the soprano solos, is a 1912 graduate of the Conservatory of Music of the college which she attended for three years. Since then she has been taking work in the Detroit Conservatory of Music. She has a remarkable mezzo soprano voice. It has a beautiful quality which

solo parts. The latter will sing the tenor parts and Prof. Veatch the baritone. Some of the most beautiful solos and choruses in the field of music are to be found in "The Seven Last Words of Christ" and an evening of exceptional musical treats is assured the large number who are planning on hearing this concert. To miss this concert will be to miss one of the finest entertainments of the year.

Next Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings will be held the graduating recitals of the two graduates of the Conservatory of Music this year, Charles Bope Butler and Miss Mary Rose.

Tuesday evening, June 1st at 7:15 Miss Mary Rose will give her piano recital and will be assisted by Miss Eva Barnes. This should be one of the best musical treats of the year as Miss Rose is one of the most accom-



Prof. Knapp of Mt. Pleasant

makes her solos most popular with her audiences. Mr. Knapp also comes to Alma with a fine reputation of repeated successes as a baritone singer. His numbers are always extremely popular.

In the evening at the Wright Opera House at eight fifteen o'clock will be given the third concert of the May Festival. The choral piece which will feature this concert is "The Seven Last Words of Christ". The college orchestra will assist. Both the choral club and the orchestra have practiced for several months on this great work and are prepared to give it the best possible production. The club has been trained by Prof. Veatch which is sufficient guarantee of the quality of work to be done tomorrow evening.

The orchestra has been trained by Prof. Davis who may be depended upon to lead a perfectly trained orchestra. At this performance also Miss Jackson and Mr. Knapp will sing the

plished pianist ever trained in the Alma Conservatory of Music. Friday evening at 7:15, June 4th, Mr. Butler tenor, will give his graduating recital in voice. His program will consist of twelve selected solos which will give him plenty of opportunity to show the wide range and beautiful quality of his voice. Wednesday morning, June 9th, at 10:00 o'clock, Miss Mary Rose will give her graduating recital in voice. Her program will be comprised of eleven selections.

These recitals deserve the heartiest support on the part of the townspeople and students for they will be given by talented musicians who have received the finest training to be had in any college in the state.

Miss Rose and Mr. Butler for the past three years have been the leading student musical artists and their graduating recitals will be the most popular musical attractions of the year.

LIBBY PEOPLE READY FOR A BIG SEASON

New Equipment and Quadrupled Acreage Make Outlook for 1915 Very Bright.

Libby, McNeill & Libby, will start their second season with the prospect of doing a much larger business than they did last year. The acreage devoted to the farmers for the raising of their products is over four times as large as it was last year and the facilities for handling this increased business have been correspondingly enlarged. During this spring a new salting building of exactly the same dimensions as the old one, one hundred by ninety six feet, has been built and will be used this season.

The local plant of Libby McNeill & Libby is the main plant of Michigan, being supplied with products from 47 salting stations throughout the state. Of these salting stations twelve have been built during the past year so that it is evident that the business of the firm is enjoying a phenomenal growth. The products which Libby specializes in are cucumbers, or pickles, onions, beans, dill weeds and cauliflowers. These are raised extensively all over Michigan and shipped from the salting stations directly to the Alma plant. Here they are preserved, bottled and shipped to the retail and wholesale jobbers to supply the trade.

Following the fire which destroyed their plant at Stanton, the state offices were moved to Alma and now all the state business is transacted in the Alma office under direction of State Manager D. H. Dickinson. In a child's sort of a way peculiar to small town newspapers, one of the Stanton papers tried to score the management of the Libby plant for removing the state offices to Alma. However this paper seemed to be alone in its belief as the best of feeling prevailed between the merchants and citizens of Stanton and the feeling of animosity which it endeavor-

Stanton and the Libby people. The fire to stir up has not been resented by the Libby people whose relations with the farmers and citizens of Stanton have been most friendly inasmuch as that this animosity is childish by a single party.

The increased capacity of the local Libby plant amounts to 36,000 bushels. At present they are employing thirty five men and women, but during the busy season which lasts from the middle of July to the first of February, they will be employing seventy five. As soon as they are in shape to do their own bottling they will employ many more. Mr. B. Rineck, local manager and Mr. D. H. Dickinson, state manager, are accomplishing fine results and hope to make the Libby plant one of the most desirable industries from a civic and economic standpoint, that they can possibly make it.

ORGANIZE PARENTS-TEACHERS CLUB

One hundred thirty parents met with the teachers of the grade rooms of the public schools in the Union school, Friday afternoon at two o'clock and formed a parents-teachers association which is to hold regular meetings at stated times and discuss various subjects which are of common interest to both teacher and parent. This will enable them to perfect a much stronger and more helpful acquaintance.

Mrs. J. W. Priest was elected president of the organization, Miss Cora Dunlap vice president, Mrs. Seth Vibes 2nd vice president, Mrs. Walter Vibes Treasurer and Mrs. McKinney Secretary. The first regular meeting of the association will be held at two thirty o'clock next Friday afternoon.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday being Trinity Sunday, there will be a special celebration of Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. All the recently confirmed parishioners will make their first communion at this time. Service will be held after the service Vespers at nine o'clock.

EPWORTH LEAGUE IN BIG CONVENTION

Hundreds Attend District Meeting Held at M. E. Church in Alma.

INSPIRING ADDRESSES GIVEN

District Superintendent and Visiting Clergymen and Laymen Contribute to Fine Program.

The Lansing District Convention of the Epworth League which was held in the Methodist church of this city, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 21 to 23rd, was a brilliant success from every standpoint and the memory of the stirring meetings held during the convention will linger long in the minds of the hundreds, and almost, thousands who were present.

The Epworth League of Alma were hosts for this convention, all of the large number of delegates who came from far and near being entertained in homes of Methodist people. Alma people supported the convention most loyally and in the case of at least two of the meetings there was not standing room enough in the church for the vast throng that gathered to hear the splendid addresses and enjoy the enthusiasm of the delegates and speakers.

The convention was opened Friday afternoon at two thirty o'clock when all the delegates met at the church for registration. Nearly all the afternoon was consumed by the delegates in performing this function and getting acquainted with each other. Rev. Brownlow greeted the visitors with a pleasant welcome in behalf of the home society after all had gathered together. At seven thirty o'clock following the devotions which were led by Rev. L. T. Robinson of Duplain, Rev. Clarence E. Hoag of Ionia delivered a very powerful address on the subject of "The Forward March".

Rev. Herbert Wade of Carson City led the devotions and preached a fine sermon Saturday morning at eight o'clock. The remaining time until ten thirty was taken up in the discussion and reports of departmental work. District officers and by authorities on a variety of subjects. Some of the topics which were touched upon suggest the burden of the morning's work, "The Larger Vision of League Work", "Effective Effort for World Evangelism", "The Greater Social Service", "Recreation That Recreates", "The Great Business of Being President" etc. The speakers all showed a comprehensive grasp of their subjects and their expressions were sane and at the same time enthusiastic. Many very helpful suggestions were made which will greatly facilitate Epworth League work.

At ten thirty o'clock Rev. J. C. Kruse of St. Johns told of the "Great Things From The Great Convention". This referred to the big national gathering held in Buffalo last fall. He held the rapt attention of his audience while he outlined to as full a degree as possible some of the fine things which he had heard in those meetings. At eleven fifteen o'clock, Dr. Thos. C. Blaisdell delivered an address on the subject of "Education For Leadership". The Alma College "prexy" is always good on the platform but he was never more effective than he was Saturday morning when he expressed to the convened delegates some of his ideas on education. His train of ideas was definite and comprehensive and expressed in clear, concise language. The impression which his address made will be lasting.

The Saturday afternoon meetings began at one o'clock with devotions led by Rev. Brownlow. Rev. Ray Merrill of Marshall, Michigan, Conference Vice President, spoke of "The Larger Vision of the State Work" and was followed by Rev. C. E. Pollock on "The Big Business of Lansing District". Both were unusually helpful addresses well thought out and well delivered. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in Junior League work with Rev. F. G. Dunbar of Wheeler, Miss Lulu Blackman of Wheeler a District officer and Mrs. Gerhardt of Alma as the leaders of the discussions. At five thirty o'clock following these talks a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the church in the parlors of the church.

"The Value of The Morning Watch" was the theme of a talk given by Mr. Harry Robinson of Portland at six o'clock Sunday morning. At ten thirty o'clock the keynote of the convention was struck by Dr. Hartley Canfield of Owosso who delivered the convention sermon to the largest audience which has ever crowded the Methodist church doors. His sermon was a splendid effort and made a strong impression upon everyone to whom was

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